

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

Learning & Growing
for Every Age

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR

I am proud to present to you the annual report for FY2018 that concluded Sept 30, 2018. This past year has been very busy for staff and we are happy to see that library services are still very much in demand.

The excitement continues to grow with new and interesting ways for the library to serve the community.

This year we have been blessed with a large grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission with which we have purchased 60 laptops (20 for each location). We will be using this equipment to teach technology skills to anyone in the community who wishes to learn. Our first classes in December of 2018 are built around basic computing knowledge for absolute beginners who want to learn how to interact with technology, as well as making the machines accessible to secondary and post-secondary students as part of a study hall series.



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After hours programming has been popular this year with lock-ins for various groups. From teens seeking a way out of escape rooms to seasoned genealogists continuing the search for extended family, the opportunity to spend some special hours in the library while it is closed to the general public has been very appealing. We will see this trend continuing going forward with study halls after hours as mid-terms and finals crop up on the annual academic calendars.

This year we welcomed music into the library again with the concert by guitarist Peter Fletcher. Peter, who is classically trained and has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, gave us a delightful and intimate concert last spring and he is slated to do so again in 2019.



INSTITUTE of
Museum and Library
SERVICES

Our maker meet-ups at the Main Library have been extremely popular and our own Heather Carter is the queen of crafting as she shares her skills with all comers. Some of the creative projects are on display at the Main Library or you can always find them by reviewing our Facebook page. We hope you will subscribe to our social media to keep up with the latest happenings at all three locations.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

Library Statistics for FY2018



531,865

PATRON
VISITS



5,334

NEW LIBRARY
CARDS



82,505

PUBLIC
COMPUTER USERS



803,163

ITEMS
CIRCULATED



210,447

DIGITAL
DOWNLOADS



49,217

REFERENCES
QUESTIONS



66,459

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE



5,099

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

LIBRARY DIRECTOR CONTINUED

Our Friends of the Library continue to support our efforts with their own, and their most recent book sale in June broke sales records again. Looks like books won't be going out of style anytime soon - and that is always good news for a library. The hard work that goes into each annual book sale certainly helps to strengthen the importance of reading at any age.



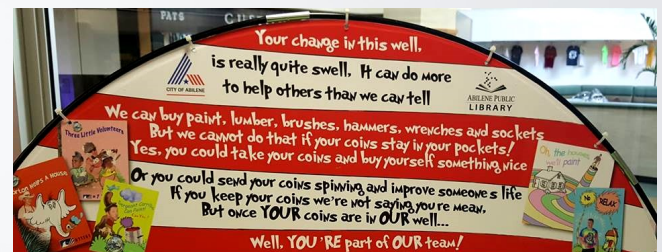
The highlight of the year was probably our month-long Smithsonian Institution exhibit "Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America." We counted over 3,000 people viewing that exhibit and there were associated programs to highlight sports in our community. We were especially blessed with contributions from local sports celebrities such as John Lackey, Case Keenum, Rick Meyers, and many other local athletes from our High Schools and Universities.



In our efforts each year to make the library more of what you want and need in information services we seek out partners. This year we began a new partnership with the Abilene Independent School District so all students in the district can access the materials at the library with their student identification (provided parents approve). This added a

significant increase to our patron base and the kids are already making good use of this new service. We expected high use of the digital offerings of the library, but they surprised us, as children often do, and have been enthusiastically borrowing print books that are delivered right to their homeroom classrooms. Not only is this making larger segments of the library's collection more accessible to youth, we believe this venture will reinforce an already existing love of exploration, reading, and knowledge. We couldn't be happier to be partnering, as educators, with our local school district.

We are always on the lookout for new opportunities to share our resources more widely in Abilene. This includes our partnership with the Dyess Air Force Base Library as it becomes more established. The public library continues to attend base events, hosted by Dyess librarian Jennifer Rodman, to promote library services, introduce public library offerings to new servicemen and women on a regular basis, promote ability to place public library materials on hold for transfer to Dyess for borrowing, and more.



We have also entered into a partnership with Team Dyess in their fundraising efforts at South Branch Library with the installation of a coin well there. Collected monies will benefit the goals of Team Dyess while also helping the public library. Additionally, our partnership with Chick-fil-A (located in the Mall of Abilene) and many other generous businesses continues to provide new opportunities to combine library services with unique means for engagement.

If you have a partnership you would like to propose, I encourage you to contact me to explore options.

*Respectfully,
Lori Grumet, Library Director*

ADULT PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

The role of public libraries is constantly changing, adapting to the needs of the communities they serve. Effective programming is one of the most successful and efficient ways for library staff to connect with people inside our facilities.

The library has offered a healthy lineup of activities for all ages throughout the years. With the addition of a new librarian, Amy Watterman, to the Information Services Department at the Main Library, staff has revitalized the program offerings targeting the adult demographic. Where once the majority of activities leaned towards youth and families, adults now see a library that offers a veritable treasure chest of exciting new opportunities to indulge in.

With strong numbers attending these new programs, as well as the positive feedback from participants, staff remain inspired towards continuing to develop new offerings to keep the lineup fresh and engaging.

Take a look at some of the great new programming that began this past year for adults.

ADVENTUROUS BOOK CLUB

Adult book club where readers are pushed out of their comfort zones for more engaging reads. Each session is hosted at a local venue offering guests a dining experience with lively discussion.



CRAFTY DIY

Monthly craft meet-up where adults get hands-on with learning new skills through a host of fun projects such as Chalkology, Distressed Mason Jars, Geometric Wall Art, and more. This has been the most popular program added with attendance rates reaching as high as 50 participants in a single class.

CRAFTY U

Summer series of hands-on craft projects inspired from the library's latest monthly Crafty U online video series of how-to crafts for adults.

CREATION STATION PRESENTS

Monthly craft meet-up where adults get hands-on with fun projects utilizing tools and equipment available from the makerspace.



FITNESS CLASSES

Adults had the ability to engage in activities designed to promote physical activity throughout the course of the summer and fall seasons including free sessions on Zumba, Belly Dancing, Drumming, Pound classes, and more, with instructors from the YMCA and Magic Lamp Dance Studio.

GOOGLE BASICS

Instructional technology course providing adults with guided instructional tours of services offered through Google, including word processing functionality, storage, email, and more.

STEAM'ed OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly series where local professionals from the community share their knowledge on their area of expertise. Afterwards, they lend themselves to hands-on activities to strengthen the learning process in those attending the program. All activities revolve around science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. Plus, these programs are recorded for access on social media and the Abilene Television Network.

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

Various programs occur on a frequent basis for adults and have included workshops on fake news, crafting sessions, dance instruction, fan fiction writing, seasonal activities, and much more. All activities have helped to increase the number of adults visiting to get involved with in-house activities.

Come see what great adult programming we have to offer you.

TREMAIN JACKSON, TECHNOLOGY/MULTIMEDIA MANAGER

FY18 was the first full year the Technology Department was up and running, led by myself and assistant Jessica Reyes. With the desire to promote the use of technology and increase the library's presence in both digital and print outlets, we continue to expand our reach through innovative and fun methods. We also remain diligent and responsive to online user questions, comments, and reviews, which is a heavily used feature through our seven (7) social media outlets and the website.

New methods for staying relevant in this ever-changing digital landscape are continually discussed, and if possible, implemented as time allows. In addition to our standard duties over the past fiscal year, this department has:

- **Expanded TECH Time:** A popular service of providing tech-related help to patrons is now offered across all three (3) library branches including a weekly morning, afternoon, and evening session.
- **Outreaches to Retirement Facilities:** Technology assistance and classes are provided to two (2) local retirement facilities for seniors unable to visit the library. Regular sessions continue to be hosted twice a month, at each location, with more facilities expressing an interest in the program.
- **New Original Programming:** All original craft shows have returned to the library's monthly lineup including Crafty Creations and Crafty U, hosted by South Branch Manager Alyssa Crow, and Project Teen has returned with new host, Rylee S., a teen volunteer.
- **Marketing Shorts:** New 60-second marketing shorts (videos) were added to the video rotation during the summer to promote library services during the summer reading club.

- **READ Posters Campaign:** Multiple employees have provided us with their image for the creation of READ posters to decorate the library. Each requires original artwork and our goal is to complete posters for all staff who volunteer. Once completed, we will look at city employees, local celebrities, etc.
- **Increased Web Design & User Functionality:** Utilizing new web design tools to increase the end-user experience when using the library's website, which remains as the second most accessed page for the City of Abilene.
- **Partnership with Media Department:** We are working closer with the city's media relations department to complete joint projects, utilize equipment, collaborate on social media and video ideas, etc.

Your library's multimedia department is but one of a handful at the City of Abilene, and we remain highly visible and churning out a great amount of work for a two-person crew. It is our intention to continually strive for excellence when it comes to maintaining current endeavors through graphics, video production, website development, social media marketing, print/digital promotional items, and more. We will also strive to continually seek out new methods to keep the Abilene Public Library as a department that is on the forefront of the latest strategies in promotions of businesses.

Fun Social Media Facts About Your Library

- **2006:** Did you know we've been around since the days of MySpace? It may not have been common to see libraries on social media, but we were certainly at the beginning of social marketing fun.
- **YouTube:** We remain the highest viewed public library account in Texas with more than 1.2 million views. That's half a million more than Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, Harris County, and San Antonio public libraries combined.
- **Photo Galleries Galore:** The best way to keep up with what we do is to see for yourselves. Access over 16,000 library photos on Facebook alone.
- **Watch Out:** Did you know we were considered to be one of 17 library Instagram accounts to follow in 2015? We were listed among Boston PL, New York PL, the British Library, San Francisco PL, and more. We love our social media at the library.



MAIN LIBRARY OVERVIEW



MARIE NOE, CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER

The Main Library continues to grow and adapt to meet the needs of our patrons. The library staff has been working on sprucing up the collection and making the library a more appealing space. Staff has been shifting and adjusting books to make things easier to find as well as make it easier to get down our formerly crowded aisles. While the shifting is not yet complete, it has already made the atmosphere much more pleasing.

Circulation staff has been promoting sections of the library's collection with colorful, artistic displays. Each month, staff members pull and display material to encourage patrons to explore new authors, seasonal titles, or forgotten favorites. We have been blessed with staff members with creativity and artistic skills and have enjoyed the eye-catching displays that they come up with.

The library has been exploring new ways to provide services to underserved citizens and is excited by the new partnership with the Abilene Independent School District. This program allows students to obtain APL cards through their schools when they register for the school year. Many students are taking advantage of the new service, requesting books be sent to their schools, downloading Overdrive and Hoopla material, and exploring the library's many databases.

The children's department has been busy exploring new programs that appeal to all ages. They have introduced STEAM Mondays featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math skills. Part of the STEAM Mondays are the new Coding Club and Tween Tech, which have proven popular. They teach kids new skills related to technology. Coding Club has a new addition with Ozobots, little robots that can be programmed with colored markers or computers. Other programs include Science and Art Make & Take crafts, LEGO Club, and "Mother Goose On the Loose."

Teens also have programs made especially for them. The new "Table Top Teens" weekly program gives teens a chance to build math and cooperative skills as they play exciting games and the Teen After Hours programs let them have fun without kids and adults.

Staff has also continued working in the teen space, rearranging the collection, decorating, and creating displays that appeal to teens.

To encourage everyone in the family to participate together, the library has hosted several family events throughout the year. One of the most popular ones was the 1st annual Gingerbread House decorating program. There were so many families that staff had to make a dash to the store mid-program to get more supplies! The annual Sugar Skull decorating was also very popular with kids and grownups alike.

The children's staff has been busy adding new items, sprucing up the area, and making the area more inviting to kids. They have also been experimenting with book placement, drawing attention to new and exciting materials, and highlighting collections, such as the Juvenile Graphic Novels, to make things easier to find.



"We moved from Abilene, TX in June 2018. You don't know what you have until you lose it. We lost y'all (library) when we moved and learned not all libraries are created equal. Y'all really do a wonderful job reaching out to the community with your programs. Thank you for all the work y'all did in the past 12 years and please keep it up! Miss you all."

Brandy Hopkins & Family

Janis C. Test, Information Services Manager

Information Services (IS) Department welcomed a new colleague in May. Amy Watterman has joined our ranks, and has leapt right in, planning programs and fitting in perfectly. Her enthusiasm and professionalism is a welcomed asset.

We continue to reconfigure our space to better serve our patrons, with the majority of the computers moved to a central location, our new study room and Creation Station growing in use, and more comfortable seating being moved to the basement. More changes are on the horizon...visit us and see what we are doing to improve your library experience.

IS staff does research for many, finding obituaries, newspaper articles, and sometimes more extensive research. We really enjoy working to find information on all sorts of topics.

Thank you! Got the bundle of information on Commander Dealey this morning. It really looks good...This targeted medal (TX Legislative Medal of Honor), is a Texas medal, and it is quite possibly the most senior medal awarded by the State of Texas. Thank you for your timely response! - **Morgan Little** -

Programming for adults has greatly increased with new Crafty DIY programs often having 30 or more in attendance. Additionally, the STEAM'ed programs continue to grow in popularity. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities have been a staple and popular form of learning in schools for children and teens. Using those same principles, we thought adults would enjoy it too, and they have! Programs on astronomy, beer brewing, and art are just a few of the wide-ranging topics that have been covered so far, while allowing the library to connect with new presenters in the community and offering fresh programming.

Programs on writing, Alzheimer's disease, legal issues for older Abilenians, Grandparent & Me experiences, essential oils, and genealogy were very well received, as are our ongoing Cover-to-Cover Book Club, musical performances, and more. Our annual Tax Aide program is popular and the new American Sign Language classes have four full waiting lists for future classes.

- 185 adult programs with 2,136 attendees
- 49 exams proctored
- 85 Books-on Wheels participants
- Notary Services provided for 99 people

Janet Bailey, Technical Services Manager

Technical Services is the behind-the-scenes department overseeing collection development for the library, access to physical and digital library materials, and budgeting and purchasing of resources. No one sees what we do in the library, but they can see what we accomplish.

This year library patrons requested and received 4,517 interlibrary loan books and we lent 2,691 items to other libraries across the world for a grand total of 7,208 transactions. With our efforts, we were able to secure a reimbursement for the city of \$25,098 from the Texas State Library IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) grant. This program enables patrons to get older materials that our library does not own within a state average of 10 days.

Abilene Public Library began promoting patron requests this past year. As a result, library patrons recommended more than 3,000 titles which was 16% of our entire title acquisition this past year. This is exciting to see patrons engaging with us to provide their reading needs and to build a collection that fits West Texas. One final small statistic is that if you add our interlibrary loan requests and patron requests together the result is Technical Services staff procure 28.4 items per day for the patrons of APL.

"Toppicks," our 7-day checkout best sellers, have been very popular. They tend to checkout 2-3 times more than our regular new bestsellers. In the past, bestsellers went immediately to fill reserved requests, not reaching the browsing shelves for patrons until they had long finished their bestseller status. Now, "Toppicks" operates on a first-come, first-served basis and gives all users a better chance of getting to read the 'hot' book they want right away. Ask about "Toppicks" at any library location.

The library provides many different formats to accommodate the reading, viewing, and listening needs of all people. This includes a digital library that contains over 690,000 items, of which 210,447 items circulated surpassing last year's circulation by 37,000. The digital collection now exceeds our physical holdings and has become 26% of all items circulated, with only children's books ranking higher for percentage of checkouts. In total, Abilene Public Library has well over one million items for patrons to choose from between our digital and physical collections. We truly have something for everyone. Come and see for yourself.

SOUTH BRANCH OVERVIEW



ALYSSA CROW, SOUTH BRANCH MANAGER

This past year has been the best ever at the South Branch Library! Thank you Abilene! We've had a record number of patrons visit (almost 285,000 people) and we offer a great lineup of fantastic programming to the community. South Branch is a wonderful place to see people of all ages taking advantage of the many services we offer. Please stop in and check it out if you haven't had the opportunity. There's always something new to see and do at the South Branch.



For example, we added a new Adventurous Book Club for those who like to read books off the beaten path. Spearheaded by Children's Library Assistant Inspiration Sanchez, this book club reads books with compelling subject matter across all genres and age groups. Books we've read include: *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* by Jenny Lawson, *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne, and *Behind Closed Doors* by B.A. Paris. The Club meets outside of the library at various locations to share great dinners along and great discussions.

Another new program we've added is Crafty U. This monthly online craft show helps adults bring out their "crafty" side. Because why should kids have all the crafting fun? Detailed step-by-step instruction is provided so anyone can do it, though it might take a little practice. We also brought back Project Teen which is an online craft show for teens hosted by one of our wonderful teen volunteers. Check out all the projects featured. Bet you'll find one you can't wait to start.

This place is great! The staff is so friendly and helpful! You can tell they enjoy what they do and are excited to share with the community. We were amazed at all the different activities they provide...this (location) is such a blessing.

Pam Sullivan

There are also a few new additions to the Children's collection at the South Branch. We created a new collection based on our circulating Literacy Kits that have several items inside each backpack for school-age children to support their acquisition and mastery of literacy skills. We introduced Busy Bags for toddlers and preschoolers to start working on some pre-literacy skills. Each bag contains one simple hands-on learning activity that kids do themselves, or with parent help. Activities include matching, counting, sorting, letter and number recognition, and so much more! If you've got a little one, or know someone who does, make sure you check out these activities to do while inside the library.

Another new addition is our Sound Wall, which was originally intended only as part of our Summer Reading Club based on the theme Libraries Rock. It's a free-standing pallet with everyday found items – metal racks, pan lids, chimes, door stoppers, cans, etc. – that are secured to the boards that let children explore the sounds produced when hit with wooden spoons. It was so popular that it is now a permanent part of the Children's Area at South Branch. The smiles produced and sensory learning that's happening make the Sound Wall worth a little extra noise.

These are just a few of the wonderful things at South. We've had a great year, and don't intend to stop getting better and better. There are some big things in the works for next year, so make sure to keep up to date on all that we've got going on. Check our website or our social media pages for all the events and related news. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

MOCKINGBIRD BRANCH OVERVIEW



ANNE ELLIS, MOCKINGBIRD BRANCH MANAGER

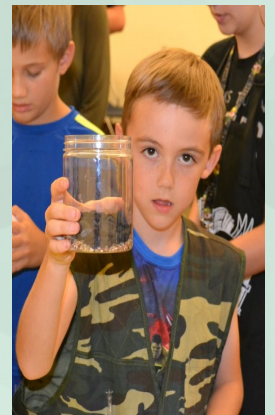
Mockingbird Branch is STEAM'ing ahead, which stands for science, technology, engineering, art and math. Teen librarian Marianne Vadney created a wonderful summer series entitled *Mo' STEAM* featuring the Mo Willems' characters in fun and interactive STEAM science programs. Attendance was amazing as children created airplanes, watched storm clouds occur in a bottle and more. Library Assistant Allen Brister, a retired science teacher, was a key component in helping create these fun, hands-on events. Science is not just for the classroom, it's happening right here at your Abilene Public Library!

Spring Break was also a busy time as we hosted a *Spring Break Extravaganza* for the community. This initiative featured a week of events for families to discover fun ways to share time together & create memories. Children's Librarian Darla Casella hosted a Mayor's Storytime for children to kick things off, with Mayor Pro Tem Shane Price reading stories to the delight of all. Special guests throughout the week included Joy Harsh (Abilene Zoo) and the Tail Waggin

Tutors. *Read to a Dog Day* was one of our most popular programs and who better to read to than a furry friend? Other events included *Marshmallow Shootout*, *Afternoon Arcade*, and *Family Game Night*.

Adults 55+ took part in *Google Basics* all summer long. Each class was full as seniors joined Branch Manager Anne Ellis for an afternoon of hands-on learning. While almost everyone may have a gmail account not everyone knows how to utilize the free, webcloud-software, which made this program both practical and popular.

Mockingbird Branch also established a partnership with the Food Bank of West Central Texas this year. Representatives from the food bank visited the branch once a month to help individuals learn more about federal SNAP benefits and how to apply for federal, food assistance. Numerous patrons benefited from this monthly event and found the resources they needed to change their lives. We aim to serve the community and provide guests with services that reflects their needs.



"Nice, helpful librarians, and it's convenient to have a branch in this part of town."

Cindy Lovelady



2018 LIB-CON & SUMMER READING CLUBS

5th Annual Lib-Con April 26-28, 2018

Lib-Con saw a successful year with more than 3,400 people in the community participating. This year's mascot featured a fiery phoenix, which adorned this year's Lib-Con's shirts sold to 162 guests.

More than 40 programs were hosted and this year featured a new format with all activities implemented across a 3-day period. This allowed for more streamlined programming focused on a single location each day, with staff from all three branch libraries conducting activities.

Lib-Con always features a lineup of events for the community to participate in. This year included staple favorites such as Dungeons & Dragons gaming, multiple crafting stations for all ages, escape rooms for teens and adults, and storytime sessions based on popular themes. New activities included a special pre-festival event with Cosplay Chess hosted in the Mall of Abilene, a mystery theatre night featuring the Durian Grey troupe from Dallas, TX, makerspace demos, and more.

This led to an explosive final day of activities with over 1,300 people attending a day chocked full of events including featured guest and American voice actress Tia Ballard, a Face Off special effects makeup demonstration, and the ever-so-popular Cosplay Contest to see which contestants mastered the art of becoming their favorite characters.

The Lib-Con committee is already at work planning 2019's festivities. We encourage you to visit our Lib-Con page online at www.abilenetx.gov/apl/LibCon. Not only will you learn more about Lib-Con, but you'll get to see a highlights video of 2018's Lib-Con. And while you're visiting that page, you'll see the types of programming offered in the past, until we begin updating the site with new content.

Don't miss your opportunity to celebrate fandoms with us. If it's too expensive to attend the real thing, make use of this local alternative convention by your library.



2018 Summer Reading Club Theme: "Libraries Rock"

Summer is always the time your library shines as staff rose to meet the challenge of providing the community with a wealth of activities during the Summer Reading Club. With families searching for cost-effective forms of fun, the library is a great and local option to keep people of all ages entertained through a myriad of programming opportunities.



2018's theme was "Libraries Rock" and staff hosted an incredible lineup of events that related to music and movement. Kids participated in Rockstar Boot Camps, discovered the science behind how sounds are made, sang in Karaoke sessions, learned popular line dances, and more. This was in addition to regular library activities, which included the popular Young Audiences program and Children's Art & Literacy Festival activities.

Teens were also treated to great events including after hours gatherings, STEAM fun, karaoke nights, dance instruction, and much more. And let's not forget about adults whom had the opportunity to participate in

dynamic programs including Line Dancing with the Texas Tornadoes, Bellydancing with the Magic Lamp Dance Studio, Drum Beats workshops, songwriting with performer Tony Barker, and more.

7,181 people participated in one of our three (3) reading clubs; **383** programs were conducted in 8-weeks; and **15,072** guests attended those programs.

When it comes to having fun during the summer months, your library has you covered. Don't pass up on our wealth of offerings, made available 100% free of charge. After all, can you really beat that price?

2019's theme has already been announced. It's going to center on space with the slogan of "A Universe of Stories." Staff is already working up ideas to go along with a theme that's going to be out of this world so be sure to look out for the fun.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY & ADVISORY BOARD

The Friends of the Abilene Public Library excelled in FY2018 when it came to putting on a great series of events for the community to enjoy. Always a strong support system when it comes to helping the library system accomplish its goals, we couldn't be happier to have the backing of one of the most active Friends' groups around.

The 2018 Texas Author Series was a great draw for the community and featured a diverse lineup of authors from Texas. These included Michael Hurd with "Thursday Night Lights: The Story of Black High School Football in Texas," Melissa Lenhardt, author of the Sawbones series, and both Andy Sansom and Randy Bacon with "Of Texas Rivers & Texas Art." All three programs were filmed and made available for broadcast on the city's government channel and library's social media accounts.

The Annual Book Sale, which remains one of the most popular sales with the community, broke records this year. Chaired by Tim Bench, the sale raised \$63,500 and became the largest in its 29-year history. All of this is made possible by the wonderful donations received from a community who values reading, as well as the countless volunteer hours sorting materials and staffing the sale each year. As a major fundraiser for the library system, the contributions made by this sale are astounding. Next year's sale is already planned for June 13-16.

After 17 years of chairing the West Texas Book Festival, longtime Friends' member Glenn Dromgoole stepped down to invite a fresh take in the following festival. Under the direction of president Emerald Cassidy, Friends' members stepped up to the challenge and organized another successful festival

hosted in October. Coming together as a strong, cohesive unit, another great lineup of events and authors were put together to connect the community with a celebration of authors and literature.

The countless contributions made by the Friends of the Library are invaluable to the city's library system, and their work can be seen everywhere you look. Become a part of this active support group by visiting them online at www.abilenetx.gov/apl/friends.



2018 Friends of the Library Board

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2018 Library Advisory Board

Serves as the liaison between Library Administration and City Council. Members work to help determine the financial needs of the library system, advises library administration concerning policies affecting the public, and helps to guide direction of the library in the future. We're thankful to the men and women who actively serve.

Dennis Regan, Chairman

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LIBRARY LOCATIONS & HOURS OF OPERATION



Your Abilene Public Library is proud to announce we are one of 52 recipients of the 2017 Texas Achievement in Library Excellence Award.

Organized by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association, this award is designed to recognize public libraries in Texas for the outstanding contributions they make in the communities they serve.

Main Library

202 Cedar St.
Abilene TX, 79601
PH: 325-677-2474

Hours of Operation

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| Mon, Tues, Thurs | 9am - 9pm |
| Wed, Fri, Sat | 9am - 6pm |
| Sun | Closed |

South Branch Library

4310 Buffalo Gap Rd.
Abilene TX, 79606
PH: 325-698-7565

Hours of Operation

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| Mon, Tues, Thurs | 10am - 9pm |
| Wed, Fri, Sat | 10am - 6pm |
| Sun | 1pm - 6pm |

Mockingbird Branch Library

1326 N. Mockingbird
Abilene TX, 79603
PH: 325-437-7323

Hours of Operation

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| Mon, Tues, Thurs | 9am - 9pm |
| Wed, Fri, Sat | 9am - 6pm |
| Sun | Closed |

The mission of the Abilene Public Library is to provide materials, services, and programs to help community residents obtain information which meets their personal, educational, professional, and recreational needs.

Visit us at www.abilenetx.gov/apl

